

Table 5.--PERCENT ILLITERATE IN THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED, AGE, COLOR, AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: OCTOBER, 1947

(Information on literacy was obtained only from persons completing less than 5 years of school, all persons completing 5 years of school or more being classified as literate)

Age, color, and sex	Total population	Years of school completed				
		None	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years
WHITE						
Total, 14 years and over.....	1.8	76.0	56.8	39.5	19.0	4.4
14 to 24 years.....	0.6	*100.0	*85.7	*80.0	*32.6	8.7
25 to 34 years.....	0.8	*94.3	*73.9	*61.5	*19.0	8.2
35 to 44 years.....	1.3	82.4	*60.7	*47.8	30.4	4.4
45 to 54 years.....	2.0	73.4	*57.1	26.3	16.3	4.2
55 to 64 years.....	4.2	74.5	*56.5	35.3	17.1	4.1
65 years and over.....	4.9	72.0	*41.3	34.1	14.1	2.5
Male, 14 years and over.....	1.9	72.0	62.9	39.5	22.4	5.7
Female, 14 years and over.....	1.7	79.5	49.3	36.0	15.1	2.9
NONWHITE						
Total, 14 years and over.....	11.0	89.9	80.2	56.8	19.4	5.5
14 to 24 years.....	4.4	*82.4	*90.0	*60.5	*20.7	9.7
25 to 34 years.....	7.2	*93.9	*88.9	*68.4	24.2	2.6
35 to 44 years.....	9.7	*89.6	*83.3	*64.3	20.7	6.2
45 to 54 years.....	13.8	91.9	*80.6	*41.7	10.3	4.8
55 to 64 years.....	19.1	85.9	*75.0	*55.6	*19.0	1.6
65 years and over.....	32.4	91.3	*66.7	*46.3	*23.5	*8.5
Male, 14 years and over.....	14.2	93.8	81.8	57.6	20.2	6.6
Female, 14 years and over.....	8.2	84.9	*76.9	52.5	18.4	4.6

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\*Percents computed where base is less than 100,000. These percents are presented in order to make available basic data which show a pattern of relationship of years of school completed and illiteracy, which is of much interest. Small differences between all percentages, especially those denoted by an asterisk (\*), should be used with particular care, as explained in the text section on reliability of estimates.

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